

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna

File No. BHRC/Comp.2964/13

**Sub: Malafide action of A. E & Jr. Engg. Electricity Deptt. Pupri,
Sitamarhi**

Case of: Sh. Ram Ekbal Sah, distt. Sitamarhi

Sh. Ram Ekbal Sah, S/o Sh. Ram Charitra Sah, Vil & PO. Yudupatti, PS. Pupri, distt. Sitamarhi had complained to the Commission that his son Rakesh Kumar and his brother Jai Krishan Sah were falsely implicated in electricity theft cases after he refused to pay illegal demand by the electricity officials. His son was implicated for using electricity in a Jewellery shop which had not even started and his brother implicated despite his house owner paying regular electricity bills. Astd. Electrical Engineer, Pupri headed the reading party assisted by Sh. Om Prakash Akela, Jr. Engg who lodged Pupri PS Case No. 208/13 & 209/13 on 18.7.2013.

2. **SP, Sitamarhi** informed that during spot supervision by SDPO, Pupri it was established that the shop had never opened and there was no passage for taking electric line inside the shop. In the case relating to Jai Krishan Sah, the reading party had shown recovery of **(07)meters** wire used for hooking from the pole whereas during spot inspection the distance of the shop from the pole was found to be **(15) meters**. This itself contradicts the charges.

3. Commission had directed SP, Sitamarhi (letter no. 14229 dt. 30.09.2014) to send the details of specific charges for which the raiding party of the electricity officials could be proceeded against. SP, has not sent any report.

4. **Prima facie it appears to be a case of deliberate harassment to the petitioner's relatives by the electricity officials. Commission proposes to award a compensation of Rs. 50,000(fifty thousand) each to Sh. Rakesh Kumar and Sh. Jaiprakash Sah for the Human Rights Violation they have suffered so far and recommend for strict action against the Assistant Engineer & Junior Engineer, for wilfully lodging false cases.**

5. **Commission, therefore, direct SP, Sitamarhi and the Managing Director, NBPDC, Bihar to direct appearance of following officers before the Commission on 12th May, 2016(Thursday) at 12:00 to explain the position and submit written explanations:-**

(a) Nodal Officer of NBPDC, Bihar (b) Nodal Dy. SP, Sitamarhi (c) the then Assistant Electric Engineer , Pupri (d) Sh. Om Prakash Akela ,the then Jr.. Engg, Pupri.

The petitioner shall also remain present on the said date and time in the Commission.

6. **Copy of the order be sent to (i) SP, Sitamarhi (ii) MD, NBPDC, Bihar for necessary action and to(iii) Petitioner for information.**

Date: 07.04.2016

Asstt. Registrar.

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Member